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A17, Breitling et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,985,588 issued November 16, 1999 is herewith enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i). However, copies of these documents will be resubmitted at the Examiner's request.

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